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Marine

Plans and estimates for Tuticorin Harbour Works.

* 1298 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer to my question No. 36 answered on 3rd September 1928—

(a) the plans and estimates for the Tuticorin Harbour Works;

(b) whether the Government of India have decided to undertake the works; and

(c) on whom the burden of expenditure will fall?

A.—(a) The estimates referred to in the answer given to question No. 36 at the meeting of the Council held on 3rd September 1928 are still under preparation.

(b) No.

(c) The Tuticorin Port Trust Board.

Constitution of the Cochin Port Trust.

* 1299 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Cochin Port Trust has now been constituted; and

(b) if not, why not?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 1766 at the meeting of the Council held on 16th March 1928.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know whether the conditions that existed in September 1928 still continue?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"As I have repeatedly answered my hon. Friend with reference to similar questions, it depends upon the issue of a regulation by the Cochin Darbar."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know whether this Port Trust cannot be constituted without the issue of a regulation by these two Darbars?".

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir. It cannot be constituted without the issue of a regulation by the Cochin Darbar."

Village Courts Act

Supply of furniture and stationery to panchayat courts.

* 1300 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that panchayat courts are not supplied with any furniture or stationery;

(b) whether there is any provision for the employment of at least one peon for any panchayat court; and

(c) whether the Government have decided to make any such provision and what it is?

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A.—(*a*) Panchayat courts are supplied with such stationery as is actually required. As regards furniture, Collectors have been empowered to supply furniture to important courts which sit regularly on the following scale subject to budget provision wherever they consider it desirable to do so :—

One chair,	One small table, and
One bench,	One record box.

(*b*) & (*c*) No regular peons have been sanctioned for these courts. Under section 11 of the Madras Village Courts Act it is the duty of village servants to serve processes. The Government have already authorized Collectors to employ special process-servers where the file of a village court comes up to 200 cases per annum.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know why only one chair, etc., are provided when as a matter of fact panchayat courts consist of three to four persons? Will he consider the question ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir. The answer given is full."

Corporation

Supply of clothing to Corporation subordinates.

*1301 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that no clothing for Corporation subordinates was supplied during the year 1927–28 ; and if so, why ;

(*b*) what was the amount allotted in the budget for 1927–28 for clothing and how it was utilized if clothing was not supplied ; and

(*c*) whether it was allowed to lapse and if so, why ?

A.—(*a*) It is not a fact that clothing was not supplied in 1927–28.

(*b*) & (*c*) A sum of Rs. 9,950 was allotted in the budget for 1927–28 for the supply of clothing and the amount was fully utilized for the purpose in the said year.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" The answer to clause (*a*) is that it is not a fact that clothing was not supplied in 1927–28. Does it mean that it is a fact that clothing was supplied ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe that clothes were supplied. The answer indicates that clothing was supplied."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know whether clothing was supplied to all the menials who generally receive clothing ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am afraid this is a matter of detail."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Minister may require notice. There is no Standing Order saying that the Government need not supply details.".

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Then, Sir, I want notice."